



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**DEPARTMENT OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Boston Edison Company; Cambridge Electric Light Company; Commonwealth Electric Company; Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company; Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company; Verizon Massachusetts; and Western Massachusetts Electric Company

FROM: William Stevens, Hearing Officer

RE: Double Utility Poles Report, D.T.E. 03-87 - Notice of Technical Conference

DATE: July 11, 2005

CC: Mary Cottrell, Secretary

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On June 16, 2005 I issued a Hearing Officer Procedural Ruling that established a standardized format for filing semi-annual reports (1) updating the progress of poles owners towards elimination of the double pole backlog and (2) demonstrating compliance with the 90-day removal deadline for new double poles pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 34B. See Report to the Legislature on Double Poles, D.T.E. 03-87 at 15-16 (2003). The filings were due June 30, 2005.

On June 24, 2005 Boston Edison Company; Cambridge Electric Light Company; Commonwealth Electric Company; Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company; Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company; Verizon Massachusetts; and Western Massachusetts Electric Company ( the "Pole Owners") responded that they do not have some information in the format requested and are not clear on the specifics of additional information requested. The Pole Owners requested a technical conference to discuss these issues.

In response, I have scheduled a technical conference to discuss the Procedural Order and the Pole Owners' response for **10 a.m., Tuesday, July 19, 2005, in Hearing Room A on the fifth floor, at the Division of Insurance**, One South Station, Boston, Ma. Any questions regarding this notice please contact the Hearing Officer, William Stevens, at 617-305-3620. Any questions regarding the Pole Owners' response please contact Stephen Klionsky, Esq. at 617-345-1066.